

House Resolution No. 429

Whereas, Paul Lester of Tarkio attained considerable distinction as the Atchison County Road and Bridge Supervisor during a career which spanned more than twenty-two years and which included his oversight of the Atchison County Landfill while it was in operation; and

Whereas, Paul Lester accepted the diverse duties and responsibilities of Road and Bridge Supervisor on September 1, 1981, and stepped down from that ever-important position on December 31, 2003; and

Whereas, during his two decades as head of the Road and Bridge department, Supervisor Lester developed and maintained an excellent reputation for his high standards, wide-ranging knowledge, and fiscal productivity; and

Whereas, Paul Lester received local and national attention for the achievements of his bridge crew which is one of the few county-level teams to build its own concrete forms for head walls, a cost-saving and quality-control measure made possible by Paul's earlier experience at the Concrete Ready Mix plant in Tarkio; and

Whereas, responsible for 647 miles of county roads, hundreds of field entrances and road tubes, and 122 bridges, Supervisor Lester purchased used military equipment through Missouri Surplus Property in order to enhance his employees' ability to maintain and improve county roadways; and

Whereas, Paul Lester improved the efficiency of his operation by hiring such specialists as grader operators, equipment operators, and gravel truck drivers; and

Whereas, Paul Lester also is justifiably proud of his achievements as a family man who has long been married to his beloved Karen and who is the loving father of Johnny, Duane, Matt, and Kay:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar career engaged in by Paul Lester as the Atchison County Road and Bridge Supervisor and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulation as he partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Paul Lester of Tarkio, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Brad Lager
District No. 4

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 429, adopted February 5, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker